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For: "Clamp and Alignment Mechanism, ) Date: September 18, 2006  
and Information Recording and Reproducing )  
Mechanism Using the Same" ) Re: *Amendment and response*

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on May 16, 2006, a response to which was due initially to be filed no later than

August 16, 2006.

A petition and payment for an extension of time for response of one month accompanies this paper. The first month extension period ended on a Saturday and this response is therefore timely with a grant of a one month extension.

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**FEES FOR EXCESS CLAIMS**

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1. This is a paper showing the calculation of excess claim fees.
2. Applicant is a large entity.
3. A Check for excess claims fees is enclosed. Please charge to Deposit Account No. 12-0415 any additional fee if required or credit for any excess fee paid.
4. The fees are calculated as follows:

CLAIMS	CURRENT NUMBER	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	AMOUNT
Total	14	20	= 0	\$50.00	\$0.00
Independent	4	3	= 1	\$200.00	\$200.00
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Payment for an excess independent claim is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. All remarks and amendments herein are made without prejudice.

**Amendments to the Claims** are listed beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** are listed beginning on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.